

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
**April 8, 2005**

ITEM: 14

SUBJECT: **GRANTVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT DRAFT  
EIR / PRESERVATION OF SAN DIEGO MISSION  
WATERWORKS**

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution (*tentative Resolution 05-06*) (1) requesting adequate time for the Conservancy to complete its review of the Grantville Redevelopment Project Draft EIR; (2) recommending the conduct of an area-wide hydrology assessment prior to redevelopment activities; and (3) authorizing the Executive Officer to work with appropriate parties to take immediate actions to preserve the remaining segments of the San Diego Mission flume and waterworks. (*Deborah Jayne*)

PURPOSE: Consideration and possible adoption of a tentative Resolution 05-06.

DISCUSSION: **Background:**

On February 11, 2005 the Conservancy Governing Board unanimously voted to (1) direct its Executive Officer to develop and submit comments on the Grantville Redevelopment Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) dated December 13, 2004; and (2) request an extension of the comment period of at least 30 days or longer to allow adequate time for comment on the Draft EIR and on its consistency with the City of San Diego River Park Master Plan, the Conservancy's Enabling Statute, and other relevant documents. Although the Conservancy was not "officially" granted the requested extension, Ms. Maureen Ostrye (Acting Director of the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Agency) indicated at the February 11, 2005 Board Meeting that she heard the Governing Board's message loud and clear and would take it into consideration.

On March 13, 2005, your Executive Officer submitted Draft Preliminary Comments on the Grantville Redevelopment

Project Draft Program EIR (**Supporting Documents 3 and 4**). Because the City's time schedule for moving the Grantville Redevelopment Project forward is extremely tight, we submitted Preliminary Draft Comments *in advance of completing our review* in order to make the City aware of our concerns as early as possible.

The Conservancy's Draft Preliminary Comments contain (1) a brief summary of the Conservancy's initial concerns based on a preliminary review of the Draft EIR (and relevant documents); and (2) verbatim transcript of the oral public comments made directly by the Governing Board members on February 11.

In its submittal to the City, the Conservancy emphasized that its preliminary draft comments represent a list of issues that staff has initial or potential concerns about and wishes to review in greater detail. Because the comments are preliminary (made before review is complete), the Conservancy reserved the right to refine, modify, and expand its comments. (It is likely that some concerns addressed in our preliminary comments will be developed further while others may fall off the list upon further review. In addition it is possible that new concerns may be identified upon closer examination.)

Finally, the Conservancy's Preliminary Draft Comments speak ***only to the adequacy of the environmental analyses*** contained in the Draft Program EIR. The comments do not address the relative merits of the Redevelopment Project itself (or whether or not the area should be designated as a redevelopment area).

On March 17, 2005 the City released its "*Responses to Comments and Final EIR*" on the Grantville Redevelopment Project. The Conservancy's comments were included in that document and a brief response was provided for each, see **Supporting Document 8**.

**Tentative Resolution 05-06:**

In the tentative Resolution 05-06 before you today, the Governing Board (1) requests adequate time for the Conservancy to complete its review and comment of the Grantville Redevelopment Project Draft EIR; (2) recommends the conduct of an area-wide hydrology assessment prior to redevelopment activities; and (3) authorizes the Executive Officer to work with appropriate parties to take immediate

actions to preserve the remaining segments of the San Diego Mission flume and waterworks.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUPPORTING  
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution 05-06
2. Letter from Deborah Jayne to Tracy Reed. March 13, 2005
3. San Diego River Conservancy Draft Preliminary Comments of Draft EIR, Grantville Redevelopment Project
4. Board Member Hector's supplemental comments on Draft EIR, Grantville Redevelopment Project
5. Summary of Public Resources Code 5024 regarding state agencies protection of cultural / archeological resources
6. Tierrasanta Community Council Resolution Number 01-2005
7. "The Role of the San Diego River in the Development of Mission Valley". The Journal of San Diego History. Spring 1971, Volume 17, Number 2.
8. "Responses to Comments" portion of the City of San Diego's Final Program EIR, Grantville Redevelopment Project, March 2005 (**will be sent in supplemental mailing**)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt tentative Resolution 05-06.